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Sorry, for the late release of this week's E-brief between power/system outages and LOTS of budget meetings . . . I was a little delayed. Hope you had a good day. Here is the E-brief:

The **Parks Department** is celebrating **Arbor Day at Pinkerton Park** tomorrow from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. They will give away free trees and have plenty of activities like zip line and tree climbing. Middle TN Electric is donating free hot dogs and water. Special thanks to all those involved in coordinating this wonderful community event.



We are getting an overwhelming response to the second annual **"My Historic Franklin"** photo contest on the **City's Facebook page**. We are seeing some really phenomenal photos. You can see them at <https://www.facebook.com/CityOfFranklin#!/CityOfFranklin/photos>. Employees are eligible to enter. For details on the contest visit our website

at <http://www.franklintn.gov/index.aspx?page=25&recordid=1941&returnURL=%2findex.aspx>

Today at noon, the **Franklin Police Department partnering with other area police agencies along with Williamson County Schools** announced the first-ever unified plan aimed at keeping local high school prom-goers, graduates, and Williamson roads safe. This time of year is filled with monumental milestones like prom, and graduation; but too often tragedy strikes, claiming young lives and casting shadows where hope for the future once shone bright. This year, police leaders are joining forces, and their officers on patrol, in an effort they hope will prevent an alcohol or drug-related tragedy from happening here at home. Immediately following the announcement of this year's multi-faceted plan to an audience of Franklin High School Juniors and Seniors, Franklin Police Officers will proctor the opportunity for students to drive a golf cart obstacle course while wearing goggles designed to replicate impairment. The goal: To give teen drivers a *real-feel* experience of just how dangerous impaired driving really is. As a Dad with a Prom-attending daughter this weekend, **thank you** to our PD, other law enforcement professionals and our school leaders for this extra effort to help keep our children safe and aware of the risks during these exciting events (prom graduation, etc.)



During **National Library Week, Leadership Franklin**, in conjunction with the **Friends of Franklin Parks and the Williamson County Public Library**, will kick off a contest to raise awareness of the Library and the **City of Franklin Parks system**. The contest centers around Bucky and Bonnie, two miniature horses. For a week, Bucky and Bonnie will visit several parks and leave clues as to where they can be found each day of the week. When contestants find Bucky and Bonnie, they should take a photo of themselves with the horses (or their replicas) and submit it to the Library. Photos can be e-mailed or dropped off at

the Main Library located at 1314 Columbia Avenue. Contestants do not need to submit all locations to enter; each location is a separate entry. Read more here

<http://www.franklinton.gov/index.aspx?page=25&recordid=1942&returnURL=%2findex.aspx>

Franklin officials including our own **Mayor Moore and Kelly Dannenfelser** celebrated Earth Day with a ride on our local and regional mass transit. They rode from Franklin to two regional meetings in Nashville. Read more in the Williamson Herald at

<http://www.williamsonherald.com/home?id=83393>

Many of our team members and **Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation staff** are participating in an **Environmental Education Day at Aspen Grove Park** next Thursday at **Aspen Grove Park**. **Stormwater Coordinator Crystal Piper** has organized this special day for seniors at Centennial High School. The students will visit six stations throughout the park as follows;

- Macro invertebrates and Stream Biotic Index
- In stream Assessment
- Physical water parameters and pollution
- Enviroscape/Urban Watersheds
- Trees and Stream Health
- Microscopes

Thanks to all who are working on this project.



**Last week's winner of the Mayor's parking spot was Fire's Sally Bittner and she is paying forward the honor to the Finance's Annelle Waddey.** Sally said, *"I would like to nominate Annelle for the Mayor's spot this week. I have worked with Annelle over the years and she is always courteous, friendly and greets me with a smile when I come to her office with a stack of invoices to be paid. Not only is she a professional in her work, she has become a good friend and one I will miss upon my retirement. Thanks Annelle for all you do for*

*everyone here at the City. Enjoy your parking spot!!" (Sally is retiring and her last day is next week. Best wishes to Sally.)* **Annelle can begin parking in the Mayor's spot on Monday, April 22. Now it's Annelle's turn to pay it forward again and nominate a co-worker for their excellence at [agoodjob@franklinton.gov](mailto:agoodjob@franklinton.gov)**

Thanks for all you do. Have a great weekend!

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